



Congressman Mark Kirk with the Commanders of the U.S. Army's 357th Air Defense Missile Detachment and Israeli Defense Forces 167th Air Defense Regiment in the Negev desert, Israel. Congressman Kirk's initiative to deploy America's most advanced missile defense radar,

the X-band, to Israel is the first permanent deployment of Americans for the defense of Israel. Two days after this picture was taken, UN officials at the IAEA reported Iran exceeded previous estimates of its uranium enrichment program. Last month, Iran orbited its first satellite, becoming the first spacefaring nation of the 21st century.